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The following is in response to the office action dated November 1, 2002.

Kindly enter the following amendment.

In the Specification

Page 4 Line 21, cancel "inventor" and substitute -- inventors -- ✓

Page 6 Line 13 cancel "it" and substitute -- its-- ✓

Please cancel claims 1-27 without prejudice and substitute therefor the following claims:

32. An artificially constructed hybrid cytokine comprising a heterodimer of IL-7 and the  $\beta$ -chain of HGF.